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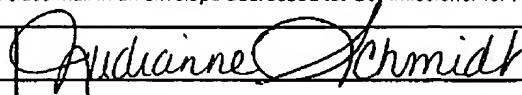
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006, reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following Remarks.

REMARKS

Claim 1-17 are pending.

A. Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

In the office action, the Examiner rejected the claims in the application under 35 USC §102(a) as being clearly anticipated in light of Kim et al. (Porous ZrO₂ bond scaffold coated with hydroxyapatite with fluorapatite intermediate layer, applicant submitted), published on August 19, 2003, before the U.S. filing date of this application.

Applicants contend that Kim et al. was authored by the original applicants and inventors of this application, Hae-Won Kim and Hyoun-Ee Kim, and that therefore it does not anticipate